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I am a Registered Nurse and Certified Case Manager with 30+ years of practice in Oregon. I work with many diabetic patients and I support the greater availability of Continuous Glucose Monitors to assist patients in managing their diabetes. Over the course of my career, I have seen many innovations and changes in diabetic care that improve patients' lives and health, and I think the CGM is life-changing for many patients; better glucose control allows them to decrease their risk of diabetic complications such as amputations and end stage kidney disease with need for dialysis, among other complications that drastically affect healthcare costs. I am also diabetic myself and use a CGM, so I have seen firsthand the benefit of its immediate feedback on how the body responds to different foods, portion sizes, and exercise. Providing CGMs for more diabetics will help to increase the health of Oregonians and decrease the long term costs, both human and financial, associated with diabetes.